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Whereas, St. Mary's Soup Kitchen opened on January 21, 1973, in St. Mary's Catholic Church rectory, located at 430 N. Jefferson Boulevard in Fort Wayne, Indiana;

Whereas, This year marks the 30th year that St. Mary's Soup Kitchen has been bringing food to the hungry in Fort Wayne;

Whereas, The soup kitchen was the brainchild of Father Tom O'Connor, the current pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church;

Whereas, Over 7 million hungry people have been given bread, soup, and a sweet at the kitchen since the doors were first opened;

Whereas, The kitchen serves 1,500 people a day and makes 120 gallons of soup per day; during the holidays that amount is increased by 60 gallons per day;

Whereas, St. Mary's Soup Kitchen is not an eat-in kitchen, but a carryout operation, except on Thanksgiving Day, when everyone sits down in the kitchen and enjoys a meal together;



Whereas, The only requirement placed on people who come to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen is that they be hungry; there are no forms to fill out or questions to answer;

Whereas, Father O'Connor and the volunteers at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen feel that the needy of St. Mary's parish often already feel some embarrassment by the fact that they are in need of help and should not be further embarrassed by needless questions or forms;

Whereas, Father O'Connor and his staff of volunteers also feel that they receive as much as they give through their efforts; because by feeding the hungry, they are answering the mandate of the Gospel to feed the hungry;

Whereas, Feeding the poor is a means by which the volunteers and Father O'Connor are helping to enrich their own souls as well as those of the people they feed;

Whereas, St. Mary's Soup Kitchen also provides soup for St. Andrews and the First Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Man does not live by food alone, yet it is still necessary, and St. Mary's Soup Kitchen helps to provide food to people who may not otherwise have a hearty meal: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to express
- 2 its gratitude to Father Tom O'Connor and the volunteers at St. Mary's
- 3 Soup Kitchen for their efforts to feed the hungry and to congratulate
- 4 them on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of St.
- 5 Mary's Soup Kitchen.
- 6 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
- 7 Secretary of the Senate to Father Tom O'Connor and Bishop John
- 8 Michael D'Arcy.

